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FOL RPT LONDON 3234 ACTION SECSTATE 25 FEB 77 QUOTE

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SUBJECT: SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ROOMS IN LONDON DURING
APRIL-NOVEMBER 1977.

1. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM ALL
FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS, INTERESTED U.S. GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH THAT THERE WILL BE A
CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN LONDON FROM
APRIL TO TO NOVEMBER 30, 1977. DURING THIS PERIOD,
NUMEROUS OFFICIAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO
CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE. THESE ACTIVITIES
ARE ATTRACTING A MULTITUDE OF GUESTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE
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UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. FURTHER, THE
NATO SPRING MINISTERIAL IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN
LONDON IN EARLY MAY, FOLLOWED BY THE COMMONWEALTH
CONFERENCE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, THE NAVAL REVIEW
AT SPITHEAD IN LATE JUNE, ALL IN ADDITION TO THE MANY
REGULAR EVENTS OF LONDON'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED SOME HOTEL SPACE ON A TENTATIVE BASIS FOR ANTICIPATED MEETINGS INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES, BUT MOST OF THE HOTELS HAVE DECLINED TO RESERVE MORE THAN A SMALL NUMBER OF ROOMS AT ANY ONE TIME. THEREFORE, NO TRAVEL TO LONDON SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED WITHOUT CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS. FURTHER, ALL USG TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN LONDON SHOULD BE PREPARED TO STAY A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AT ONE HOTEL, AND THEN MOVE TO ANOTHER, DEPENDING UPON ROOM AVAILABILITY.

3. DUE TO THE FOREGOING, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE DELEGATIONS IN ANY ONE HOTEL. HOTELS AS FAR AWAY AS BRIGHTON (50 MILES DISTANT) AND OTHER COASTAL RESORTS WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE OF LONDON ALSO REPORT HEAVY BOOKINGS FOR SUBJECT PERIOD.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GIVE THIS CABLE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION.ARMSTRONG

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